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SUBJECT: BELBAGCO  
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1. FURTHER DETAILS ON THE MEETING REPORTED IN PAR. 2 OF  
REFTEL HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO OPIC BY BELBAGCO'S ATTOR-  
NEYS.

2. ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7-8, 1977 THE JOINT  
INDUSTRY BALE PACKAGING COMMITTEE (JIBPC) MET IN MEMPHIS,  
TENN. TO CONSIDER ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMODITY  
CREDIT CORPORATION (CCC) CONCERNING INDUSTRY STANDARDS FOR  
BAGGING USED FOR BALES OF COTTON STORED IN GOVERNMENT WARE-  
HOUSES UNDER THE CCC LOAN PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO BELBAGCO,  
THE JIBPC RECOMMENDATIONS ARE GENERALLY ADOPTED BY THE CCC  
AND BECOME INDUSTRY STANDARDS.

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3. THE JIBPC MEETING RESULTED IN A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE

CCC APPROVE THE USE OF LIGHT WEIGHT (9 LB.) "COMPACT BAG-  
GING" IN LIEU OF 12 LB BAGGING. COMPACT BAGGING IS LESS  
EXPENSIVE AND IS CHEAPER TO TRANSPORT. ITS WIDESPREAD  
USE WOULD PERPETUATE THE JUTE BAGGING MARKET AND MAKE IT  
MORE COMPETITIVE WITH THE POLYPROPYLENE (SYNTHETIC) BAG-

GING MARKET.

4. THE JIBPC ALSO RECOMMENDS THE USE OF A PARTICULAR TYPE OF BAGGING WHICH IS OF THE SAME CONSTRUCTION AS JUTE BAGGING PRODUCED BY BANGLADESH FABRIC CO. BELTON HAD ARGUED FOR THIS TYPE OF BAGGING AS OPPOSED TO THAT FAVORED BY IMPORTERS OF INDIAN JUTE.

5. IN AN EFFORT TO FACILITATE A MEANINGFUL RESOLUTION OF THE OPIC-BELBAGCO CLAIM, BELBAGCO HAS ALSO SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTING THE BDG IN OBTAINING THE SERVICES, ON A SHORT TERM BASIS, OF A EXPERIENCED MANAGER FAMILIAR WITH BFC FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAXIMIZING THE PLANT'S OPERATIONS AND TRAINING ITS PERSONNEL.

6. FINALLY BELBAGCO HAS INDICATED THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO RESUME CONTRACTING RELATIONS WITH BFC IF THE PLANT REMAINS IN OPERATION AND CAN MEET BELBAGCO'S NEEDS.

7. OPIC BELIEVES THAT, IF POSSIBLE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO COMMUNICATE THE FOREGOING INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE BDG BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS MADE CONCERNING THE CLOSING OF BFC.

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